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IN A BICMOS TECHNOLOGY

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**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

**PART II: Information Cited**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The examiner's attention is hereby drawn to the attached French Search Report. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent No. 4,980,302 corresponds to document EP-A-0 372 476, cited in the French Search Report.

The Examiner's attention is also hereby drawn to the attached French Search Report issued in French patent application no. 96 14412, filed November 19, 1996. French patent application no. 96 14412 corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/968,598, now U.S. Patent No. 5,953,600. U.S. Patent Application No. 08/968,598 was filed on the same day as the present application and by the same applicant and incorporated by reference in the present application at page 1, lines 11-12. As shown in the patent family search attached to the search report, U.S. Patent No. 5,471,085 corresponds to document EP-A-0 646 952, U.S. Patent No. 5,192,992 corresponds to document GB-A-2 257 296, both cited in the French Search Report.

### PART III: Remarks

A copy of any document cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

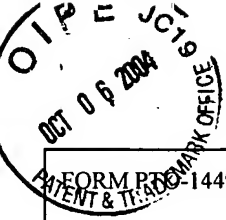
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